



## *City of Beaumont*

November 23, 2021

Dear Mayor and City Council:

This letter is to inform you that I intend to relinquish my duties as the City Attorney for the City of Beaumont on December 26, 2021. It has been an honor and a privilege to have served.

I have served the City of Beaumont for 42 plus years, 17 of which as City Attorney. It has been very rewarding to practice municipal law representing what I believe was in the best interest of the citizens of Beaumont.

I first came to work for the City in 1979 as the first African American assistant to be hired in the legal department, to eventually become the first African American appointed City Attorney for the City of Beaumont. Two historical achievements.

A more visible accomplishment locally, and one that I am most proud of, was my involvement in representing the State of Texas acquiring the land needed by TxDot for the transformation of Railroad Ave into what has become Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Pkwy.

Additionally, during my tenure as City Attorney, I had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors and of the Texas City Attorney's Association and later as its President. On October 3, 2021, I completed my responsibilities as President of the International Municipal Lawyers Association.

It is time to end this phase of my career and contemplate the next phase of my life. But, for now, I intend to enjoy the fruits of my labor with my wife and family.

Thank you to those Mayors and Council Members who have supported me over the years.

To my staff, thank you for all that you have done in helping me to make Beaumont a place we can all be proud of. I pray for continued success for you all.

Sincerely,

Tyrone E. Cooper

City Attorney